

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Richard Harris Asst. Superintendent Elko Count School District 1092 Burns Road Elko, NV 89801

Dear Mr. Harris:

This correspondence refers to the Owyhee Combined School, located in Owyhee, NV on land of the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe. A file review of our records on this site indicates that there are two Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) in service, one 5,000 gallon gasoline tank and one 1,000 gallon Diesel tank. The UST's are located at the north and east side of the school maintenance building, respectively.

In accordance with the Self Certification Letter dated February 4, 1993 these tanks did not have a leak detection device installed but used manual tank gauging as a means of tank tightness testing.

In view of the massive groundwater contamination in the tribal drinking water wells north of the school maintenance building EPA requires that you submit the monthly inventory reconciliation for both tanks for the last year and the certificates of tank tightness and product line tightness tests which must be carried out on a yearly basis, unless the tanks are equipped with corrosion protection. If these tanks are temporarily out of service you must submit a copy of the Tank Notification form. However, if they have been out of service for more than one year permanent closure is required in accordance with 40 CFR § 280.71.

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Pursuant to §9005 [42 U.S.C. §6991(d)] of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, EPA requires that you furnish the above information within 45 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. Your immediate attention is needed in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Walt Guggenheimer at (415) 744-2094.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Eklund, Chief

Office of Underground Storage Tanks

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